



The Parishes of Our Lady of the Assumption, Maryvale and Christ the King, Kingstanding

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Hymns: OLAM: E: 245; O: 46; C: 342; R: 507

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23

R: This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY OBLIGATION HAS BEEN REINSTATED BY THE BISHOPS

Sat 08/04/23	Easter Triduum – Holy Saturday	10:30 CTK	Blessing of Easter Baskets
		20:00 CTK	All known to Fr The-Quang
		20:00 OLAM	All known to Bishop David Evans
Sun 09/04/23	Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord	10:00 CTK	Jack Foxall (1 st Anniversary)
		11:30 OLAM†	Josie Rattigan
Mon 10/04/23	Easter Monday	08:00 Con.†	Peter Van Khang Nguyen (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.	Maria Wright (RIP)
Tue 11/04/23	Easter Tuesday	09:30 Mon.†	John Roche (RIP)
		12:00 CTK	Phyllis & Paddy Fields (RIP)
Wed 12/04/23	Easter Wednesday	08:00 Con.†	Douglas & Norah Ball (RIP)
		09:30 Mon.	Wendy Gasson (Birthday Thanks)
Thu 13/04/23	Easter Thursday	09:30 Mon.†	Jozef & Bronislawa Banat (RIP)
		12:00 CTK	Ciara Ward (RIP)
Fri 14/04/23	Easter Friday	09:30 Mon.†	Kazimierz Banat (RIP)
		12:00 CTK	Olive Gorman (RIP)
Sat 15/04/23	Easter Saturday	10:00 Mon	Janina & Krystyna
		12:30 CTK	Pat & Gill Walsh (Ann)
		18:00 OLAM	Tommny Murtagh, Margaret & Peter Harvey (Ann.)
Sun 16/04/23	Second Sunday of Easter	10:00 CTK†	Karl Hay (RIP)
		11:30 OLAM	James Green (RIP Ann.)

Bible Study with Deacon Dominic Fahey in the Guild Room at Christ The King **every Tuesday** at 7:00pm.

Rosary Group: meeting **every Wednesday** in Christ the King Church at 1:30pm.

Happy Birthday: to Deacon Dominic Fahey.

Anniversaries: Easter Sunday: Deacon Jack Foxall, Mick Clarke; Kathleen Butlin (15/04/23)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Ron & Monique Hunt, Jean McCabe, Luke Byrne, Muriel Cowan, Paul Cowan, John & Sandra Mageean, Gerald, Sarah McCallion, Audrey Vickers, John, Sadie Pulido, Mary McGee, Claire & Mark, Jo Teece, Mary Ann Gniadkowski, Niamh O' Reilly, Carole Smith, Alan Rowan, Kyle Billing, Nicola Jones, Daniel Kelly, Patricia Nash, Alberto Bolongaro, Arjun Paul, Teresa Webb, Mary Hickey, Sr Marie, Carol Timmis, Angela Madigan, Joanne Fields and David Cotton. **Please pray for them and their families.**

RIP: Please pray for Michael Riordan who passed away recently. May he rest in peace.

Funerals: Kathleen Sheils: OLAM, Wed 19/04/23, 11:00; Bishop David McGough: St Chad's, Thu 20/04/23, 12:00.

SANCTUARY LAMP: The Sanctuary Lamp, which burns to indicate the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar, is **dedicated throughout the month of April, for members of the Walsh family circle**, both living and deceased.

Are You Planning To Have Your Child Baptised? If so, please come to the next monthly meeting, to the next monthly meeting, to be held at Christ the King Church on Sunday 7th May at 3:00pm.

Easter greeting from Archbishop Bernard is available on the Diocesan website this weekend. You can also access it at <https://youtu.be/uEeo-1f9Q2k>.

Last Weeks' Collection CTK

Loose: £ 239.69
 Envelopes: £ 161.50
 Standing Orders: £ 206.69
Total: £ 607.88

Last Weeks' Collection OLAM

Loose: £ 332.69
 Envelopes: £ 122.70
 Standing Orders: £ 51.92
Total: £ 507.31

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EASTER OFFERINGS: There is only one collection this weekend, which is the traditional Easter Offering to the Parish Priest. Envelopes are available at the back of Church this weekend, for anyone who requires one.

Christ the King		08 th /9 th April	15 th /16 th April
Sat 12:30	Minister of the Word	Easter Triduum's Rota	Kathleen Foxall
	Minister of Holy Communion	Ordinary Ministers	Ordinary Ministers
Sun 10.00	Minister of the Word	Theresa	Angela
	Minister of Holy Communion	Ordinary Ministers	Ordinary Ministers

New Live Streaming System: We have had a new Audio Visual System installed for Live Streaming of Services, especially the 10.00 Sunday Mass and Funerals. You can access this by clicking on the live Link on the Parish Website, <http://www.christ-theking.org.uk/> and then watching the Live Service, or going into YouTube, typing in Christ the King Kingstanding in the Search Bar and then clicking the "Live" picture screen that shows up. This can also be watched later. Please let other Parishioners that access our Masses know that this is now available.

NEW HEIGHTS UPDATE: We would like to wish Joy Dodd (our Project Manager) all the best, as she moves on in her career, and to welcome our new Project Manager Shantel Carty. Whilst we hope to take the opportunity to share within future parish Newsletters more information about the Charity and some of the events they are involved in and the support that is available, there is some existing information on our web-site <https://new-heights.org.uk>

VOTE FOR MARYVALE: The Maryvale Community Project, which runs activities for the elderly/people with disabilities, is on a list of 3 finalists to receive a grant of between £500 - £1,500 from Tesco's. To be successful, **THEY NEED YOUR VOTE**, with voting starting on 1st April. It won't cost you a penny more but, if you shop in any Tesco outlet (big or small) in the surrounding areas – you can pick up a blue token at the till each time you shop and place it in the perspex container marked "Maryvale" as you leave the store. **THAT'S ALL YOU NEED TO DO.**

Father Hudson's Society is asking for volunteers who would be willing, on Friday afternoon 14th April between 12 and 4 pm, to help clean the refurbished Presbytery at St Catherine of Siena in the middle of Birmingham, in preparation for it becoming the new Tabor Living accommodation for nineteen people who have been homeless on the streets of Birmingham. If you can help, please contact Andrew Quinn on 01675-434001 or 07966 935533.

Gospel Commentary - Fr Donagh O'Shea:

Echoing an ancient homily, Meister Eckhart said that it was because Mary Magdalene had nothing else to lose that she dared approach the tomb; the Apostles had run away because, by implication, they were still trying to save themselves, or trying to save something for themselves. She had lost everything else, he said, "and so she was afraid that if she went away from the grave she would lose the grave as well. For, if she had lost the grave, she would have nothing left at all." In fact, she lost the grave as well, because it was no longer really a grave: it did not contain the body of Jesus. Yet, it was in this state of utter deprivation that the Resurrection took place. It did not take place on the mountain-tops, or on a bright cloud, but in the heart of the grave, the 'degree zero' of human life. It was because Mary Magdalene had the heart to stay by the grave that she became the first bearer of the news of the Resurrection; she was the first Christian preacher.

At first, she could not see Jesus anywhere. Why? "Because she kept looking further away than he was," said Eckhart. She kept looking for a dead body, an object; but Jesus was alive and standing beside her. We are at home with objects; they are at arm's length and we can deal with them. We make this kind of knowledge-at-arm's-length the standard of all knowledge. It is all right for dealing with objects, but the Risen Christ is nearer to us than any object. "Why are you seeking the living among the dead?" (Luke 24:5).

Christians, through the centuries, have focused a lot of reflection on that large stone laid to the mouth of the tomb. When Mary Magdalene went to the tomb, she found the stone removed. That large material object – which might appear a convincing objection to faith – was gone; and she was the first witness to this. No tomb on earth can hold the Lord. No material stone, however heavy, can imprison him.

But, we should not imagine that material stones are the hardest and heaviest things in the world. Who would have guessed that *thoughts*, which are made of nothing at all, could be heavier and harder than any stone? But experience tells us it is so. We are able to seal our minds and hearts with immovable stones of prejudice, hatred and fear. "To behold the resurrection, the stone must first be rolled away from our hearts," said Peter Chrysologus (5th Century).